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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Dear Parents/Carers,

Claiming for Free School Meals could benefit you and your family financially whilst supporting the school to provide more resources for the education of your child/ren. This is **not** part of the Universal Free School meals offered to all children from Reception to Year 2, however children in these year groups will benefit from free sweatshirts and school trips, therefore, it is vitally important that you apply for free school meals even if your child is in any of these Year groups.

Once it has been confirmed that your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals, you will also be provided with **two free Dixons Marchbank Primary sweatshirts** for the next academic year. Also, once you are registered your children will remain on free school meals until they leave the school, regardless of whether your financial circumstances change.

**All details relating to children in school are kept confidential, so the children are not aware of who is on the register for Free School Meals in school.**

You can apply for free school meals or see if you qualify by checking online at [www.bradford.gov.uk/benefit](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefit).

We currently provide discounted trips throughout their time at our school even if your entitlement to free school meals stops at any time. They will also receive free snack and milk whilst you are in receipt of free school meals.

**This could amount to approximately £2500 worth of savings per child throughout their time in primary school.**

**Please note the above benefits only apply if you make an application for free school meals.**

Free School Meals are available to any full-time student, who is still at school and eligible. You can get Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner receives any of the benefits listed below.

### Can I apply for free school meals?

You can apply for school meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you will need to apply directly to the school or call the Education Service on 01274 439393)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

If you are not sure on how to apply, please come into the office and speak to Mrs Sameera Khan who will be happy to help you.

**Yours sincerely**

**Mrs H Haunch  
Principal**

